

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Waites.

Features of the communication system according to the present invention are to use a communication device to input a telephone number of a destination to send an electronic mail and an identification number of a destination telecommunication services operator. A reference table is stored correlating the input identification number to a domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator, and an electronic mail address for sending the electronic mail is formed by merging the input telephone number with the domain name. See Figs. 1 and 2 of the present application, for example.

An advantage of these features of the present invention is that a user of the communication device, such as a mobile phone, does not have to enter a full domain name, such as @aaa.bbb.me.jp, using a phone keyboard. According to the present invention, the user only needs to enter an identification number, such as 135, and the system automatically generates the destination domain name for the user. Independent claims 1, 5, and 8 have been amended to recite these features of the present invention.

Looking at Waites we see that it does not form an e-mail address by merging an input destination telephone number with a

domain name found in a reference table using an input reference number. Waites is merely creating a e-mail address and a personal web page based on the user's telephone number, thereby forming an Internet directory. See Fig. 2, and its corresponding description, of Waites.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 5, and 8, and the claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Waites.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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